THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The ratio of the income (NDP at current prices) of agriculture to non-agriculture sectors was 0.4327 in the year 1989-90 and 0.7860 in 1970-71.

(b) Estimates of national income are not available by occupations.

(c) A number of programmes and schemes are being implemented with the sole purpose of raising the productivity of land and enhancing the real income of the farmer. These include development of infrastructure, evolution and distribution of high yielding varieties of seeds, adequate supply of fertilizers and support prices.

Increase in the Price of Wheat

4857. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of wheat is going up rapidly;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps the Government are taking to check the price-rise of wheat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). The W.P.I. of wheat which had exhibited a fall during March, 1991 to May, 1991, which the arrival of the fresh crop, started showing usual upward movement after May, 1991. The provisional W.P.I. moved from 173.1 in June to 174.4 in July, 1991 registering an increase of only 0.75% against an increase of 1.84% in the provisional W.P.I. of all commodities.

(c) The Government is keeping the situation under watch and will take appropriate measures as and when required.

Establishment of Aravali Development Board

4858. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan have submitted any proposal for establishment of the Aravali Development Board to the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Britannia Industries Ltd., India

4859. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Britannia Industries Ltd. India is expanding its industries; and

(b) if so, the details of proposals received from the company and the action thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). Only one application from M/s. Britannia Industries Ltd. India for manufacture of Beer at Ratnagiri, Maharashtra has been received in this Ministry which is under examination.

Petrochemicals Industry in Bihar

4860. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for the expansion and development of petrochemicals Industry in Bihar;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction so far;

(c) whether any new strategy has been proposed to be adopted for the current financial year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d). Most on the items in the petrochemical sector have been de-licensed in the New Industrial Policy and it is hoped that this would give an impetus to the growth of the industry in the States, including Bihar.

New Service Rule in Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited

4861. DR. ASIM BALA:
SHRI SUDHIR GIRI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. has incorporated any new rule in March 1990 in their service rules book under which the services of permanent employees can be terminated without any enquiry;

(b) if so, whether the Government are aware of the Supreme Court's ruling that permanent employees cannot be terminated without enquiry;

(c) if so, the reasons as to how this rule was passed and incorporated in the rules book; and

(d) the remedial steps proposed to be taken to protect the fundamental rights of the employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d). In March, 1990, a new Rule 30(A) was incorporated in the Conduct, Discipline and Appeal Rules, 1978. The rule provides for termination of the services of a permanent employee on notice without enquiry on the following contingencies:

(i) if the post held by the employee is abolished;

(ii) if an employee is declared to be unfit on medical grounds for the service of the company;

(iii) if an employee remains on unauthorised absence for 30 days or more.

The Rule also provides for the following:-

1. In case of (i) and (ii) above, the services shall be terminated after giving 3 months' notice to a permanent employee and one month's notice to a temporary employee or pay in lieu thereof in both the cases:

2. In the case of (iii) above, services of an employee shall be terminated if he fails to explain his conduct satisfactorily within 15 days from the date of receipt of the Show Cause Notice by him. The Management shall be empowered to take a decision without resorting to further inquiries.

3(A) The decision in case of (iii) above would be taken only with the prior approval of a Secreening Com-